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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 24, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), the undersigned attorney, on behalf of applicant(s), hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to and including October 24, 2006, to file a response to the Office Action of April 24, 2006, which carried an original response date of July 24, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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